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Gorbachev supports environment in speech at Butler University

by Elizabeth Lieb

Former Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev spoke at Butler University on Tuesday, October 8. Gorbachev is now president of a group called Green Cross International. The topic of his hour-long speech was "Meeting Global Environmental Challenges in the Post Cold War Era."

Junior James Blinzinger, who attended the event, commented that Gorbachev "used his influence to try to help the environment." Speaking through an interpreter, Gorbachev promoted such ideas as sustainable growth and alternatives to fossil fuels. Gorbachev said that ten trillion dollars had been spent on Cold War hostilities, and he felt that the same amount should be spent on the environment to protect global

resources for the future.

Gorbachev stressed that businesses should become involved in environmental issues, using some of their profits to keep the environment clean.

Butler University is sponsoring a department chair in Environmental Studies in Gorbachev's name. Students at Butler could purchase tickets for the event for \$1, while other tickets reportedly were sold for \$250.

According to senior Patrick Downey, several Fundamentalist protesters at the high-security event objected to the fact that a former Communist was given a chance to speak.

Others attending the event were senior Destin Haas and Professor Susan Chattin.

Student Association donates \$7000 to library

by Natalie Berenda

With the support of the Student Association (SA), the Saint Joseph's College library will receive many new resources this semester. The Student Association has generously donated \$7000 to the library.

This money will go towards purchasing new books and periodicals. The Student Association and library personnel have also agreed on purchasing CD ROMs for government documents with this money.

Each St. Joe student pays

a \$55 fee to the Student Association per semester. This money is used for things such as S.U.B activities, class accounts, and dorm accounts.

This year the Student Association wanted to do something different with this money. "When we were campaigning last year, my administration decided to do more than just for student life on campus," stated SA President Chad Pulver.

With budget cuts, the library lost \$18,000 last year. "We thought that the library

really needed improvement and we had an idea on how to get funds over there so we ended up saving some money last semester and used it towards the library this semester," Pulver said.

Salyers is pleased with the donation. "This group contacted me before they were elected and told me they would like to do something for the library, if elected. At that point, they were not sure what but they did know they wanted to be involved in what happened in the library."

Chapel bell system updated

by Ashley Pierce

The chapel bells have recently been updated. Instead of having ropes to pull, the bells now have automatic strikers.

The decision to update the chapel bells was made last spring because the old system was outdated and in poor condition. Father Bill Kramer commented, "The old system was falling apart, so we decided to get new ones last spring."

There have been a few problems with the system and it is being corrected. The bells had been ringing



photo by Marty Costello

The chapel bells are now automated.

several times during the day due to a bad chip in the controller.

The bells should ring for the Angelus, a prayer which has been used since the middle ages, at noon and 6:30 pm, but there have been several problems with the system. Along with ringing for the Angelus, the bells will also be rung before services.

"The system is still not finished," according to Father Kramer. The remote which controls the bells should be fixed soon, he added.

Important dates from the SJC Career Center

October 22- Resume Writing Workshop- Halleck 202- 8 p.m.

October 25 and 26- Illinois Collegiate Job Fair- College of Du Page

November 8- Michigan Collegiate Job Fair- Burton Manor, Livonia, MI

December 13- Indiana Job Fair- Indianapolis

For more information on these events and other career-related questions, contact Linda Bevec in the Career Center at extension 6355.

Five months without TV... and I survived

Have you ever taken the time to think about how much you watch TV every week? I, myself, realized that I spend about 12 hours a week watching TV. Usually that is the time I spend relaxing in my room, after my busy days are over and before I start my after dinner studying. I like to spend the time just doing nothing. But 12 hours in front of the TV sounds a bit excessive to me. I know I'm not the only one who

watches TV every day. In fact, there are some people who watch TV for 5 or 6 hours a day, plus all of Saturday and Sunday sitting in front of the idiot box.

I'm sure there are those of you who can't imagine not having a TV in your room. It's a habit to walk into your room, flip on the TV and start channel surfing. Many would balk at the thought of giving up TV for 5 months, but having been forced to do it last semester, I realized that it wasn't so bad.

Last semester, when I was packing for my study abroad semester in England, I only had room for clothes and a few necessities in my luggage. No TV, no stereo, no phone, no electrical things for 5 months. Of course we had access to pay phones and 2 TV's (for 160 people) but it just wasn't the same.

At first I really missed watching my favorite shows, but after a while I didn't really care anymore. Then, it didn't take me too long to realize that being without a TV was kind of nice.

At school we spent more time visiting and talking to

each other. We went out and did more things during the week. Students also took the time to plan a lot more events and theme parties, so that we always had things to do.

I kept up with the news by going through a couple of newspapers and magazines every day. It was also

easier to get motivated to study without the temptation of a TV sitting right in front of me. (I'm sure we could all use any

extra motivation for that!) I even found that I had some extra time to do something I hadn't done during my entire college career--read a book for entertainment.

Of course, being without TV today is hard and I'm not advocating going completely without. Who can beat getting an entire days worth of news in 30 minutes? Or being entertained without any effort? Nothing beats stress better than doing nothing. Or watching an event that everyone is going to be talking about the next day?

However, cutting down your TV watching by at least half can have a pretty big impact on your days. It will force you to get out and talk to people, go for walks, get involved in campus events, etc. I guarantee this is a lot more fun and productive than sitting in front of your television set all day long.

So why not give this a try? You have nothing to lose and you may find yourself breaking away from the every day monotony of school.

—Klaudia Janek



What does the future hold in store for us?

by Klaudia Janek

This past week, we conducted an interesting experiment in my International Law class. We were asked to write down 5 things we thought would happen in our future and the approximate dates they would occur. Then we had to write down 5-7 events we thought would take place globally in the future. We came up with some rather interesting results so I decided to share our findings with you, using our editorial staff as guinea pigs. The following time lines use the results of four people, starting with personal events and then world events.

Personal events

- 1996 - blow up my dorm
- 1997 - 2000 graduate from SJC
- 1997 - move to Europe/go to writers seminar
- 1999 - complete Masters degree/find job/ get married
- 2000 - have job with federal government
- 2001 - publication of first novel/marriage
- 2002 - have 2 children
- 2003 - 1st child
- 2004 - marriage
- 2005 - travel the world
- 2020 - kids graduate from high school/notice I'm pretty old/ get a job at the United Nations
- 2065 - I die

World Events

- 1997 - Bosnian War reignites
- 1998 - Pope dies/China-Japan conflict/Russia collapses in political chaos
- 2001 - United States loses total influence in European Union
- 2005 - Russia returns to communism but still friendly to United States/major earthquake hits Indiana
- 2008 - 1st woman President
- 2010 - Europe invests heavily in South America. U.S. loses out because of past exploitation/a tunnel under the Atlantic is completed/movie theater completed in Rensselaer
- 2015 - Democratic revolution in Cuba
- 2020 - Ozone layer is greatly depleted. 1 out of every 4 people get skin cancer/Most of environment is beyond repair/1st female president elected/Cure for AIDS is found
- 2050 - "Beam me up, Scotty" becomes a reality
- 2080 - Depletion of clean water supply
- 2100 - space exploration beyond our galaxy becomes possible. Starships travel light years in a matter of hours.
- 3000 - Earth becomes concrete jungle
- 3050 - World Peace (finally!!!)

There are several things to compare. The personal predictions tend to be more optimistic, shorter term goals, and the focus tends not to go along political lines (except for career aspirations). On the other hand, the majority of global predictions are pretty dismal. Plus, we won't be alive for about a third of the predictions.

A few questions should be raised by these results. Why is it that we have such a negative outlook for the future of our world as a whole, while being pretty positive about our personal futures? It's obvious that we don't see the future as a better place, but yet we don't consider NOT having children. In fact, they are pretty important to us.

Make a timeline for your self. If the results turn out like ours did, ask yourself what we can do to change the future of our world so it doesn't turn out like our predictions did.

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Forensics team sets high goals for second year

by Becky Johnson

A growing organization at Saint Joe is the Forensics Council, now in its second year of competition. Professor Maureen Montgomery had much to say about the team. "The goal of the SJC Forensics Council is three-fold: we compete against other schools from Indiana, the Midwest and the nation, in several different events."

"Secondly, we try to do things on our campus and for the Rensselaer community like serve as demonstration speakers, give performances and readings to area organizations and sponsor speakers in the area of the community. Third, we make a concerted effort to recruit high school students for the squad and the college," stated Montgomery.

The Forensics Council hosted a speech tournament for high school

students during Homecoming weekend. Members of the Council served as judges for several events.

During the weekend of October 12, the team was at Illinois State competing in tournaments sponsored by Illinois State and North Central College. According to junior Matt Owens, the members "fought hard" against larger, more experienced schools including Arizona State, Bradley University, Indiana University and Ball State. Owens called the weekend "a good learning experience."

The team will head to Bradley University to compete on November 9.

A special goal this year is to send the squad to an international tournament in London. "We are conducting several fundraisers to raise the money for the trip," commented Montgomery.

Merlini Hall not being considered for renovation



photo by Marty Costello

Merlini Hall was considered for a new Admissions office.

by John Osborne

VP of Student Affairs William Maniscalco was quick to put to rest rumors that Merlini Hall will become the next Office of Admissions.

"It is true that it was discussed as an option," Maniscalco said. "Frank Bevec (the new Director of Admissions) and I looked at its

possibilities. I told him that financially and from a standpoint of the students it would be better to use the south lounge of Schwieterman and that is what we have done."

So, the guys in Merlini can relax. Maniscalco noted that there are even signs on 231 pointing to Schwieterman for the the Admissions Office.

SIFE sponsors bed races

by Ashley Pierce

SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) organized the first annual Bed Race on Thursday, October 3 at 7:00 pm.

"We wanted to create enthusiasm for Homecoming weekend and this was a good kick-off," commented SIFE member Pat Cleaver. The race was held in the Core Building parking lot and the college community was encouraged to attend.

"The bed race was a memorable, positive learning experience for our SIFE students and everyone had a ball," stated SIFE advisor, Professor Walter Scherb.

Students, faculty and staff were invited to create a team of five to compete in the race. There was a large response from the college community. "We had 22 teams of five

participating," said Cleaver.

Team Flaherty, which consisted of freshmen football players (named after

The individuals from the first, second, third and fourth place teams each got to select prizes from the collection, respectively.

Students not competing in the race enjoyed the events, too. Freshman Marty Costello commented, "It was unique. It was something different to watch."

SIFE plans to continue the tradition of the bed race in years to come. "This was the first annual bed race, and SIFE guarantees there will be a second annual race next year. We are currently in the process of looking for beds for next year and retro-fitting them



photo by Marty Costello

Students race to the finish with beds.

the coach), won the event.

The Nursing Department donated two beds for the event. SIFE was also able to compile a large collection of prizes including pillows, blankets, pajamas, and hats.

with larger wheels," stated Scherb.

SIFE is an organization which brings in speakers, sponsors several field trips and educates future entrepreneurs.

Men of Gallagher build patio

by Natalie Berenda

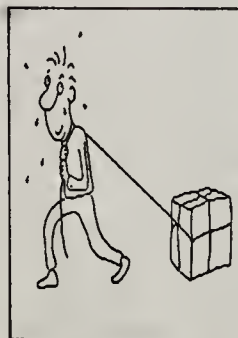
Residents of Gallagher Hall will be able to take advantage of the warm fall weather with the addition of a new brick patio to complement the deck constructed earlier this semester.

The residents of Gallagher have constructed a 15x15 foot brick patio to go along with the deck constructed earlier this semester. The brick for the patio was donated by alumnus John Curley, who owns the

Masonry Supply Shop in Chesterton, Indiana.

Gallagher's costs included about \$30 for limestone and \$15 for the cement. Residents of Gallagher did the construction labor themselves.

The purpose of the deck and the patio is to give residents of Gallagher a place to socialize and gather. Gallagher residents Ryan Koppelman and Ryan Davis are credited with getting this project completed.



In the October 3 issue of *The Observer*, an article stated that sophomore Sheamus Fergus was bitten by a brown recluse spider and hospitalized for three days.

Professor Robert Brodman said that according to the *Audobon Society Field Guide*, the brown recluse spider can be found in Kansas and Missouri, south to Texas and west to California. Brodman stated that these spiders are not found in Illinois and Indiana. Brodman commented, "The symptoms described in the article resemble those from an allergic reaction to a bee sting or an ordinarily harmless (but initially painful) spider bite, but NOT a brown recluse."

The Observer apologizes for any panic that may have been caused by the article. The doctors at the hospital told Fergus that his bite was from a brown recluse spider.

Recreational Center : facilities not measuring up

by Heidi Jugovic

When people think of Saint Joseph's College, athletics is often one of the first things to come to mind. Indeed, 410 of the 877 Pumas at Saint Joe's are involved in an athletic team (that's about 47%; over 60% of residential students are athletes). Pumas have long been proud of the success of our teams, and the high involvement in intramurals also indicates the passion for sports on this campus.

The hub of much of this activity is the Hansen Recreational Center (commonly referred to as the Rec). The high involvement of students in athletics begs the question: "How well does the Rec fill the needs of Saint Joseph's College?"

The Rec was built with private funds and intended to service the general student body of Saint Joe's. The weight room was built with funds donated by the athletic department and primarily designed to service athletes in addition to non-athletes. Both facilities must be shared by non-athletes and athletes.

The athletic department has consistently made efforts to keep both the Rec and the weight room open to non-athletes despite time pressures.

Athletic Director Lynn Plett commented, "We've grown so much that it's difficult to give adequate time to the athletic teams and still give time to non-athletes."

The weight room is reserved for athletic teams from 3pm to 6pm year round so that teams can train. This gives so little time to some teams that they must use

additional time in the early mornings or early afternoons.

The Rec is closed for the fall teams in the first semester and closing second semester between 3pm and 6pm so that the spring teams can prepare for the upcoming season.

However, according to Plett, even during the time the Rec is closed, athletic teams still try to keep at least one court open for non-athletes despite the obvious stress this puts on teams already cramped for time and space. Thus, the Rec is effectively never closed to the general student body.

In addition to the time pressure created by sharing the Rec between athletes and non-athletes, the facilities leave something to be desired.

Plett said that "The weight room is fairly adequate for our needs....My wish list would be to get more stair masters, bikes, and the like and to have these facilities utilized more by the general students."

Indeed, more training-type equipment would better serve the needs of non-athlete students who want to work out in the Rec. Students would also like to see stair masters, stationary bikes, weight machines, and even ab rollers. A campus which puts so much effort into and so much emphasis on athletics would obviously benefit by improvements to the facilities.

The Rec is currently fairly under-used by the general student body. The courts and the track remain empty many evenings. Some students feel

it is a lack of equipment designed for their needs which contributes to this under-use. Others simply have no interest in using the Rec. The Rec center will be used more heavily when intramural basketball begins. However, use by the athletic teams is extremely heavy, with teams competing for time in the Rec.

Each student makes a yearly required contribution to the Rec. Some feel it is unfair to make them pay for something they never use. However, the Rec is already short on funds (like many other programs on campus), and money that goes into athletic programs tends to return to the school. It's no secret that athletic teams on many campuses bring big money to their schools, especially from alumni who like to support winning teams or their old team.

Where exactly does that yearly student contribution go?

According to Vice President for Business Affairs David Sokol, the money helps cover the costs of maintenance, support, and repair of the building. The costs of maintaining a building as large as the Rec do not leave extra funds from the student contribution for improving facilities. Any new equipment will be requested by the athletic department.

These requests will be granted or refused based on what SJC can afford. Another possible source of funds is outside donations.

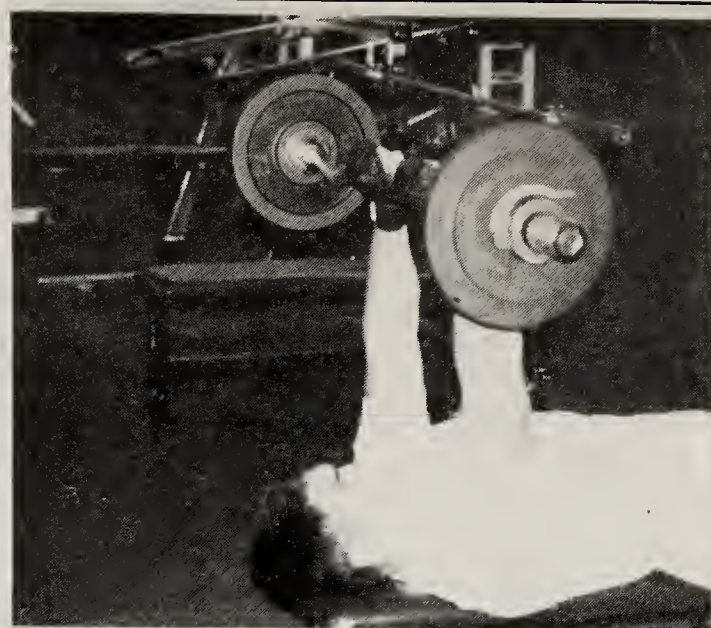


Photo by Jim Lieb

Sophomore Jim Williams with concentration uses the weight room facilities to stay in shape.

Students Speak Out: Opinions on the Rec Center

by Peggy McLeish and
Vanessa Mangiaforte

"There is no reason to charge us so much for something that only sports teams use. Yeah, there are a few students that probably use it who are not involved in sports, but students shouldn't be charged if they don't use the facilities. Athletic teams have a monopoly over everything including the weight room. It's not fair that we can't use the facility if a team is in it. Notice how they have the most opportune time of the day to use the facilities! It's too bad us low-lives cannot grace our wonderful teams' presence while they are so hard at training." --Brad Gellert

"I do not think the rec center is worth the fees which we have to pay in order for its use. If it were not for track practice, I would never even step foot inside the place; and I don't feel I should have to pay for a place to practice. Concerning availability, the center is open enough to the general public. As for improvements, there is a leak in the northwest corner of the

building. I do not know how many days in practice I have had to slow down dramatically due to a water puddle on the track. Perhaps they should take some of the fees and put them towards fixing it." --Jeremy White

"I think that the rec center would be worth the money if they updated the equipment in the weight room, or even opened a separate weight room for non-athletes. Also, the training room should be open to those of us in need of physical therapy." --Jennifer Mantz

"I don't feel that the rec center is nearly worth the fees that resident students mandatorily pay each semester. A minority of students who are not involved in a sport on campus actually use the facilities. Of course, the time restraints concerning when the center is open to the community may have something to do with that situation. The center could use tremendous improvement and updating." --Peggy McLeish

My days are numbered

by DeAnn Hazzard

I was warned. I definitely was warned, but as with most things it went in one ear and out the other. Now as I walk in my zombie like state through campus those ever meaningful words pound in my ears. "College doesn't get hard until your junior year." Yeah, right. Well, this is what I used to think. I figured if I could make it through my first two years, even if my junior year was sooooo hard, I could handle it. I admit it. I was wrong.

It's only midterm week, and I am going to snap like a twig. The amount of stress I feel in this one week about equals the amount of stress I have had for the last two years! Am I exaggerating? No! My mind is racing with what I have to do, and for the first time in a long time I am using my math skills to calculate the impossibility of finishing everything on this horrendous study list, make it to work on time, oh and passing would be a good thing, too. Solution: not in a million years can I pull this week off without completely going insane and alienating everyone around me.

By now I have suffered writer's block, caffeine shakes, extreme panic, the thought that I should just forget about studying and try my guessing skills, and the numb feeling of utter confusion and hopelessness. I feel like my brain is going to explode and ooze out my ear which would absolutely destroy the carpet in my room. The weirdest thing is that I did not procrastinate. I did not wait until the last minute to start studying for

midterms. I actually made a study list and followed it! This in itself is a major accomplishment. I went to the library on Saturday on one of the most beautiful days of the year...need I say more? Too bad in all of my organizational thinking and planning, I forgot to include sleep. Sleep would definitely be a nice gift right now, considering the words in front of me are beginning to blur.

But enough of my venting, at least for the moment. In the midst of this midterm mania I was distracted by one of the most bizarre situations probably to hit Saint Joe's in a long time.

As I complained earlier I was uncomfortably stuck in the library on a Saturday afternoon in the height of my panic diligently studying. My intense study was disrupted when three strangers walked into the library. Their presence was definitely noticed by the packed library of about three other people because well, this is Saint Joe's and if everyone can't tell you a little bit about your life history, that constitutes you as a stranger. From stranger minding your own business you now become analyzed stranger. Well, the buzz about these three guys who calmly strolled into the library and carefully selected books from the shelves with interest, was that they were on a roadtrip. Isn't it amazing how

this grapevine works? Well, I was informed that this roadtrip began from New York, was headed to Chicago, and then finally to San Francisco. First question that came to mind, "Why did they stop at the Saint Joseph's Library?" I mean it doesn't exactly seem like a prominent tourist attraction.

They huddled around a table with a pile of books, and I was

dying of curiosity. Automatically my mind raced to absurd conclusions about their quest--are they researching some life-threatening problem, are they writing a book, are they undercover agents? Okay, that's a little over the top, but work with me...I've had no sleep! Anyway, it turns out that these individuals are conquering the open road with inspiring courage.

Damon otherwise known as Pilot, Michael, the Navigator, and Shad, the Captain were very polite in answering questions from Vanessa, Jill, and me even though these questions postponed their work. To make a long story short, their lives have pretty much been what we're learning about. They have been through school, and two of them spent time in Cambodia...one worked for government aid organizations and both taught English. The Navigator even spent time in India, describing his experiences with emotion that is not found in my textbooks. It is very hard to explain the situation, and even writing it now does not convey the impression that they created. This roadtrip that was basically on a whim is defying all the rules of structure and predictability which definitely gave me hope. I know in the back of my mind that mid-terms are

not that bad and college is a blessing, but these three strangers definitely reinforced the hope that anything is possible. As a favor to them and a favor to all of you, I will stop complaining about my stress and try and remember these are the best years of my life, despite the fact it is my junior year!

Midterm Stress

Ear Wacks



by Brian Zimmer

Is it a bloodsucker's hungry plea or a call to leave what is dead or dying? While our tempers race to question what is or isn't real, our confusion readily embraces what does or doesn't. And while the opposition continuously topple over themselves in order to redefine their differences, we maintain the fact that people are easy to fool/please. Even P.T. Barnum knew that his "greatest show on earth" was only made possible by the fact that "there is a sucker born every minute."...a bloodsucker. (From Rocket from the Crypt, Scream Dracula, Scream)

Here are some long awaited reviews of albums you should buy because I told you to.

Counting Crows "Recovering the Satellites" It took me a long time to appreciate this band. I don't know what it was. Maybe it was their instant popularity with all the girls (I was jealous you see), or maybe it was the fact that I thought they were made by that one video channel. With time and maturity however, I have come to appreciate the music and lyrics of this pop band.

"Recovering the Satellites" offers a grittier sound to go with Adam Duritz's scruffy beard. Whether intentional or not, Counting Crows have traded in the drum/bass machine of "Mr. Jones" for a straight-forward guitar oriented sound.

With 14 songs and 60 minutes of music "Recovering the Satellites" gives the listener time to settle in for a long ride which includes all of the emotional and lyrical fluxes one would expect from Counting Crows. The slow but melodic, "A long

December" in which Duritz chooses only the most pictorial words to convey his message (I won't give it away) is countered nicely by pop-rock "Angels of the Silences" which is a bit generic but whose counting? Performance 7.5 Originality 6.3 Sound 7.6 Overall 7.6

The Lemonheads "Car Button Cloth" I never bought into the fact the "Come on Feel The Lemonheads" was a dark spot on Evan Dando's brilliant resume. Maybe Evan Dando did, maybe he didn't. "Car Button Cloth" does however, follow a seemingly natural line of progression and/or evolution that somewhat departs from "Come on Feel..." Emphasis on somewhat.

Evan still has the wonderful lyrics that shock, surprise, make you smile, and of course, make you a little weepy (is that a word?) He still has the basic, one guitar, one bass (give or take an acoustic guitar) one drum line up. On "Car Button Cloth" The Lemonheads do two things a little differently.

First, Evan goes back to the days of "Lick" and "Lovey" when his voice was not always smooth and trained. The guitar is a bit harder, begging, "hi, listen to me" for the first time in a couple of albums. I like the return of the guitar (bass guitar included) as well as a little less production.

Second, the lyrics return to what Evan has always been examining for years: his life in retrospect. The lyrics also seem to speak more to the rough world we live in. References to the Khmer Rouge and other atrocities in the world (Knoxville Girl is hard to stomach at times) finally bring Evan Dando to the place his lyrics were going years ago (with the Charles Manson obsession and all). Its not that these things have been excluded from previous album its just on "Car Button Cloth" its a little more obvious. Performance 8.0 Originality 8.2 Sound 8.0 Overall 8.1

Homecoming 1996: Football team defeats Quincy University, wins Homecoming game for the first time in seven years

By Erin Breetzke

Winning homecoming for the first time in seven years, the 1996 Puma football team beat Illinois' Quincy University 34 to 18 on October fifth. Increasing their victories to a record of 3 and 2 with this win, the success of this game had many key players. Senior linebacker Zac Wells was the first player to receive the Rudy Volz Award (the team's homecoming football game MVP award) two years in a row, as well as the team's MVP for defense. Other MVPs were Carl Voltaire and Goldie Ashford for offense.

Brandon Flaherty, head coach of the football team had this to say about the victory: "When we had the game in control going into the fourth quarter, that was definitely a high point. I felt we were stopping them well defensively...especially after we faked that punt and went on to score. Obviously the game was in control [and] we felt we really had the game in the bag."

Flaherty explains, "Though [we were] coming out and stumbling a little bit early, yet I thought our guys

responded really well and just kept playing with confidence," he added.

Members of this winning team have a modest attitude about their win, yet at the same time are excited. "As a team, we're happy not only to have won homecoming, but with the team's general success," Wells said. "Winning homecoming is just one of many large steps to turn the program around," he added.

Coach Flaherty is pleased with the team's performance and is confident the team will go far. "[Winning homecoming] is an extra incentive to the guys," Flaherty explained.

"They've broken this losing streak for homecoming. I think above and beyond that...the guys are pretty confident now, where maybe years past guys would go out and hope to win, now the guys are going out and they're expected to win."

Although homecoming is a highly anticipated game and a time for alumni to visit their alma mater, preparing for such a win was more of a mental task than a physical one. "We prepare hard every week. This wasn't any different," Sophomore defensive end Dan Klimczak commented. "It was a business-type deal...just get the job done," he added.

Every game has it's high points and low points. In such

an eventful game, the team managed to pull through the distractions and bring home the victory.

"Quincy installed a new defense we hadn't prepared against," Senior offensive guard JB Lind said. "We made adjustments and just settled down. We had a job to do and we just went out and did it."

For some players, the business-like manner of dealing with such distractions shows the preparedness and maturity of the team.

"I feel our team showed a lot of maturity and [we] didn't lose our

composure," Junior wide receiver Brian Outlaw explained. "We came out sloppy, but we showed maturity and set the tempo for the second half."

School spirit and an increased following of fans to the football games is encouraging to team members and beneficial to their playing. "It's definitely great to see such a turn out!," Lind commented. "As a player, you're going to play that much better with so much support behind you."

Coach Flaherty has an overall feeling that the team's success is also a success for the college and forms a type of unity among the college community. "It is encouraging to see so much support and to see so many people getting excited about football. Our success hopefully brings the campus together. When we do well, Saint Joe does well."



The Saint Joe defense lines up with the Quincy offense in their October 5th match-up

Photo by Rachel Hempel

The football team won again last week to improve their record to 4-2. On Saturday, October 12, the Saint Joseph's College Pumas trampled the Wilmington College Quakers 63-7. Freshman kicker Erich Hitzman broke the college record for most extra points scored in a game with seven.

Women's tennis closes season with second place finish

By Jill Peterson

Perhaps it was just one of those days when a team plays its best and can't pull out the victory. This happened this past weekend to the women's tennis team at the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament when they were defeated in the championship round by the University of Indianapolis.

After conquering Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne and Bellarmine College in earlier rounds, the Greyhounds overpowered

the Pumas in a close battle, 5-4.

It was the second time that Saint Joseph's lost to the University of Indianapolis this season. With a final record of fifteen wins and three losses, Saint Joe was seeded second in the tourney and respectively ended up taking home second place.

In his seventeenth season as Head Coach, John Barrientos observed, "It just wasn't our day to shine. To be that close to victory is

somewhat disappointing, however, we were fortunate to be there. If we played them 'tomorrow', maybe the outcome would have been different."

Number one singles and doubles player Manda Hollis agreed, "It was disappointing to finish second, but I felt that we were united as a team. We counted on everyone--there were no automatic wins in certain positions. It was an exciting season, yet we left ourselves room for improvement and higher hopes

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Vanessa Sobolewski serves as Manda Hollis awaits the return

Photo by Rachel Hempel

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bright side, Shannon pointed out that the school had raised over \$2 million a year for the past few years and that the money had been properly utilized to improve the college.

On a more discouraging note, admissions were down this year, and as of next year, the school will face a \$400,000 deficit. When asked by the board about this deficit, Shannon explained that \$350,000 of that debt can be attributed to the Core Building.

"I would choose to be in this new building with debt than be debt-free without it," Shannon said.

Still, the deficit does exist and Shannon acknowledged that tough times are ahead for the college. However, he wanted to make it clear that there is unlimited potential to make Saint Joseph's one of the top schools in the country.

"No doubt about it, there are tough times ahead. If we can't differentiate ourselves, we can't compete. It's a business. These fiscal challenges are the worst in ten years, but if we work together, there is no reason why we can't prevail."

Survey results announced

by Julia Garcia

In the fall of 1995, resident students were asked to complete a survey concerning resident life at Saint Joseph's College. The purpose of the survey, designed by Allen Berger, former Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, was to allow students to voice their opinions about dorm life in order to provide some guidance for future changes. Steven Mercer, senior Human Services major, compiled the data and analyzed the results in November of 1995.

The survey focused on five main areas of dorm life: visitation policies, security, housekeeping, quiet hours, and activities. There was also a miscellaneous section that dealt with issues such as dorm fines, room and board costs, and privacy.

On the first part of the survey, students were asked to rate their preference for certain items to be implemented into the dorms. Air conditioning, expanded laundry facilities, and communal kitchenettes were at the top of the list.

Concerning the issue of

privacy, over seventy percent of the respondents were satisfied with the level of privacy available in the dorms. Those who were unsatisfied suggested that there should be more sound isolation in the walls between rooms.

About half of the students felt that the residence hall activities needed to be improved. Many students suggested that more activities be planned in order to create a sense of unity in the dorms.

The results of the survey also showed that there was a desire for coed housing among other of the housing options mentioned such as mixed housing by class and GPA and 3-4 person units with bathrooms. The survey also showed that most students were not willing to pay the fee for single room housing.

The survey showed that the loft option, currently available to students, was supported by a majority of the students. Also, students supported the idea of future housing at Lake Banet or across Hwy 231.

Be Wiser: Students participate in annual Alcohol Awareness Week



photo by Marty Costello

Bartenders Linda Lehman, Mary Hannon, and Jim Lieb serve drinks at Coconut Joe's.

by Sarah Klusek (Guest Reporter)

Be Wiser: that was the message told to everyone this past week for Alcohol Awareness Week. Many people participated to stress the important facts about alcohol.

This week kicked off with another one of ACEs Coconut Joe's nonalcoholic nightclubs. On Monday night in Core XI, the bartenders were busy making drinks with "Skip's Special" the drink of choice by many people there. It was a time for everyone to take the well deserved study break that was needed and watch the Monday Night Football game and the World Series.

Tuesday night brought in something new to St. Joe's, an auction. Senior Brian Zimmer served as auctioneer. ACEs was able to raise a lot of money for charity. The prizes auctioned off included homecooked meals and desserts made by professors.

The big prize was a weekend getaway won by Dave Menefee.

Wednesday was an informative night with questions about alcohol answered by members of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Thursday night everyone got out their bowling shoes and went to the Strike Zone for Rock 'n Bowl. Prizes were awarded for the best game and the worst game bowled. Congratulations to Kathy Braun who won the prize for the best game bowled.

On Friday night an Eighties Dance was held in the ballroom. Junior Charles Bowling was the DJ. Students, as well as their sibs, and even some parents enjoyed the music and flashback to the eighties.

For more information contact Jamie Portal, Mary Hannon, or Linda Lehman.

Habitat constructs house in Remington

by Becky Johnson

Habitat for Humanity is currently working on constructing a new house in Remington. Most of the materials used for construction are donated. The materials that are not donated to Habitat are paid for by the families selected for housing. Family selection for the house in Remington will take place in a few weeks.

The families are charged only for the materials to build the house. Each family is required to invest "sweat equity" hours into the construction of their home. The average cost of housing is initially around \$35,000.

Saint Joseph's Campus Chapter for Habitat for Humanity was formed in 1995. Habitat for Humanity is an ecumenical, Christian housing ministry that seeks to eliminate poverty housing from the world and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action.

The local company Reinforcement Design is donating a Habitat for Humanity sign to place on the building site in Remington.

The current officers are: President - Charles Bowling, Vice President - Denise Hutchinson, and Secretary/Treasurer - Jamie Riberto.

Rock Express plans Battle of the Bands

by Natalie Berenda and
Angie Gibbs

On Saturday, November 2 at 4:00 p.m., Rock Express, the F.O.E. and WPUM will sponsor Battle of the Bands. The event will be held at the Eagles (F.O.E.). Bands will include Nutz, 7 Sticks Jesus, Jester, Sissy, Smoke Factory, Scrooge, and The Ledge.

Tickets are on sale now at Rock Express for \$5. Alcohol will be available for those over twenty-one and security will be on hand. "This is our way of saying thank you," stated Becki Westcott, owner of Rock Express.

Student Volunteer Corps upcoming events

by Becky Johnson

For information on any of these Student Volunteer Corps events contact Rachel Barlage at 8263.

Rake and Run- second week in November.

Bingo- Every other Monday at the Rensselaer Care Center. Meet in front of Halleck at 7:15 p.m.

Prison Visits to Medaryville Correctional Facility- beginning in November.

Coming soon- Adopt-a-Senior.



Witchcraft: *Alive and well in modern Indiana*

by Heidi Jugovic

This Halloween, if you see a witch, look twice. There is a chance you may be looking at the genuine article. Yes, that's right, witchcraft is alive and well in modern day Indiana.

Although modern day witches (They call themselves Wiccans. You say po-tay-toe, I say po-tah-toe) will probably not be wearing peaked black hats or carrying brooms, you can bet they'll be out and about on Halloween.

Halloween is a conglomerate of holidays. The church adopted it as All Hallow's Eve when Catholicism swept across Europe and assimilated the different traditions of local religions into its own practices. However, Halloween probably more properly originated with a religious Wiccan and Druid festival known as Samhain. Like its modern counterpart, this was a night of beasties and ghoulies and acts of darkness. Witches today still celebrate Samhain with traditional festivals.

So where are these witches? Chances are right in your own neighborhood. Wicca is a growing religion in the United States today. One estimate I saw placed the

number of practicing witches (males and females) belonging to covens in the USA at about 150,000. Solitary practitioners are estimated to be much more common.

However, serious interest in witchcraft is much greater than even those figures. Walk into almost any decent bookstore and you will see an entire section devoted to the arcane arts. Having worked in a bookstore myself, I can say that these areas are among the most frequented sections, by young and old alike. Books on and about witchcraft have exploded recently. Even in the last few years, these sections have expanded in at least 3 bookstores I frequent, often squeezing out other less marketable sections.

I looked through some of these books and was amazed at what I saw. Whereas witches centuries ago kept their spells and practices as treasured secrets, modern witches seem eager to share the wealth. There are How-To books for almost every level of devotee. Volumes exist on various categories of spells, such as love, money, and health. Entire spellbooks (known as a Book of

Shadows) are published from the personal experience of more accomplished witches.

Most of the literature on this topic is commercialized and bafflingly inconsistent. The authors of these books love to spend chapters dwelling on picky terminology like the difference between a witch, warlock, wizard, and druid, and no two books will agree on any definition.

Yet, some general consistencies exist. Most agree that the direction of the wind and the direction the spell caster stands are important, as are the phases of the moon and sun, the time of day, the season, the tools used, and in some cases the astrological sign.

Reading through these books, I was overwhelmed. Any ambitions of being a witch myself quickly faded after reading the enormous list of tools needed, space and time required, and the iffy results promised. Although many modern texts advocate individual experimentation and the creating of one's own spells, most listed long and complicated rites that make memorizing the Constitution

look simple.

The one perfect escape-clause almost every text included was, "If you don't REALLY believe, it won't work." Ahem. Well, I guess I won't be dabbling with the powers of nature any time soon.

Not that I am dismissing those who are practicing Wiccans. This is one "religion" which makes extraordinary demands on its followers. Most Wiccan texts advocate a complicated morality system much more individually demanding than a simple list of "Thou shalt not's." Many Wiccans are also environmentalists and nature buffs, and most books teach white magic.

However, there are black witches out there, and the book covers I read promised nothing but powerful spells and "get-your-own-way" tactics inside. No cutesie nature-lovers here.

Power is one of the main attractions of witchcraft. People hate to feel out of control, and Wicca offers the kind of direct control over one's condition that few religions do. The new popularity of Wicca probably reflects the new thirst for spirituality in our society.

Others are attracted to the "get-back-to-nature" values of new Wicca. Finally, some are drawn by the glitz and glamour of a profession which has been long regarded with fear and wonder. Television, music, literature and movies have all used interest in witchcraft commercially, and I'm taking bets that witches will be one of most-seen costumes this Halloween.

At the risk of being burned at the stake, I will chance saying that from what I have read, I admire some Wiccans. They are willing to stand out and be different despite centuries of prosecution (Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live...), and they are often alone as they carve out their own path to spirituality. Others, however, are no more scrupulous about how they use their "power" than some Wall Street businessmen.

So when you look around this Halloween, maybe take a little time to think about some of the history of a holiday which has existed long before commercialism did. Maybe look at the moon and wonder what some members of our society see in its position and phase, and watch whose toes you step on because you never know whose toes they are!

STUDENTS SPEAK: HALLOWEEN TRICKS AND TREATS OF THE PAST

by Peggy McLeish and Vanessa Mangiaforte

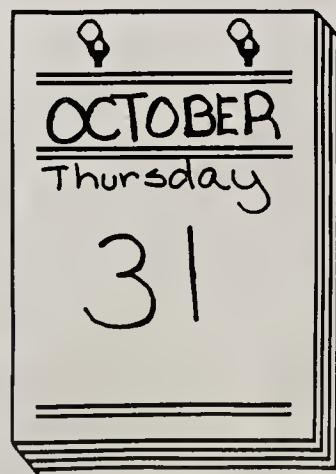
Halloween is just around the corner. Here are some responses by students on some of their favorite Halloween memories:

"In elementary school we were allowed to march around the halls dressed in our favorite ghouls/heroes of that year, and we were allowed to grub on cupcakes and candy, thus giving us a sugar high for the remainder

of the day." --Chad Pulver

"I like seeing little children dressed up and enjoying the holiday with smiles on their faces." --Kathy Jarowicz

"I lived out in the country where no trick-or-treaters visit, so I guess my favorite Halloween memories are when I was older and was able to hand out candy at a friend's house in my



hometown! I loved seeing all the costumes!" --Rachel Hempel

"I remember once my friends and I went all around our small town using my little brother as a decoy in order to get candy for all of us. If they wouldn't give us candy, we'd throw toilet paper in the trees. Oh, the fun we small-town Hoosier boys would have..." --Matt

Jenks

"My favorite Halloween memory occurred when I was trick-or-treating about 15 years ago. A huge house in our neighborhood was decorated like a haunted house and a "dead" guy jumped out of a hearse in the front yard and gave out candy. I wasn't the only one he scared the crap out of!" --Rachel Mahns

Moody's Light, shining through

by Robert Dusek

As the car made its way to a slow, gentle stop, the passengers became deathly silent. Eric looked over at Angie and gave a meek little smile as dread spread over the confidence that he had teemed with just minutes earlier. The driver, Ernie, looked over at Leo in the passenger's side and flickered the headlight switch three times before shutting it off for good.

"I hope we see it," Angie said. Angie and Eric had never seen it. It would be their first time. They sat, impatiently waiting.

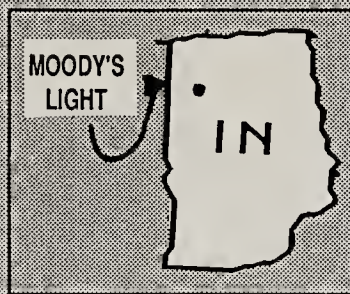
"See it! Do you see it?" Leo exclaimed, pointing at a small light in the distance. Everyone leaned forward and squinted their eyes in an attempt to spot what Leo was getting so excited about. Finally, Eric came to his rescue, "I see it, man! See it Angie?" "No, I can't see it. Where?"

The car fell silent again. Everyone was still leaning forward, squinting their eyes. For a moment, only Eric and Leo seemed to spot the light, as if possessed by some eerie sixth sense that allowed them to view mythical objects. Then, all at once, everyone in the car pointed and drew back with bated breath. Ernie shouted, "Look! I see it!" he exclaimed. "Me too!" cried Angie, "It's Moody's Light."

Moody's Light is a "local legend." Its mystery has enticed many people, from both the college and the community, to travel out in the middle of nowhere to see it in all its splendor. It, the light described above, has never been explained.

There is not a source from which the light flows, it just appears from "nothing."

There are, however, a few tall tales surrounding the mysterious light. Most of them are fictitious stories that have been enhanced, so to speak, over time. These tall tales, or legends, surrounding the light add an element of "spookiness" to the trips out to see it. All the various stories take place on a farm owned by a man named Van Moody. The old farmland is located northeast of Rensselaer on a country road, Meridian road, in the middle of acres and acres of corn fields.



The legend, (one of them anyway), goes as follows:

The old man, Van Moody, was out in the fields late one night. Upon returning home, he found his home burning up in flames. Scared and angry, he began to look frantically for his family members on the farmstead.

He never found his daughter. However, he did find his wife and son. He found his son brutally murdered and his wife was hanging dead from a tree in front of his house.

The tree that Van Moody supposedly found his wife hanging from is the only thing left of the farmstead. Although it is but a stump these days, it plays an important role in the Moody experience. To see the mysterious light, there is a ritual involving this tree.

The ritual suggests that those wishing to view Moody's Light drive out to Meridian road at night. Park next to this stump,

facing north. The driver should then flash the headlights three times and turn them off. The light will first appear as a small spec of light in the distance. It changes color and moves slightly to either side as it advances toward the vehicle. The light is supposed to get very near to the vehicle. "Legends" have it that the light is supposed to be old man Moody looking for the murderer of his family.

The light is real, at least it appears to be. However, the legends surrounding the light are not true. Van Moody was a rich land owner who lived in a "mansion" at the alleged murder sight. He did not come home one night from the fields and find his house burning or any family members dead. In fact, no one was ever murdered there. One person did, in fact, die there but the death was not related to the Moodys, nor was it a murder.

Moody's Light is eerie because the source of the light is unknown. The creative legends only enhance the spooky feeling that people feel when they go to see it. The light does appear, and anyone can see it. Rituals are not required; you don't have to flash your lights or park next to the stump.

To get to Moody's light, follow these simple directions: Take 231 north out of town for about a mile. Turn right at the first road by the doctor's clinic, 300 south. Take 300 south to 20 east, turn left. Take 20 east to the first stop sign, turn left again. Then, take the first right, Meridian. Go straight, (north), for about one hundred yards to a hill. Just past the hill is the legendary stump.

Ear Wacks



by Brian Zimmer

Circa 1985, music lovers were faced with a profound question when they visited their local music store: Record, Tape, or compact disc. Not wanting to invest in equipment that I couldn't afford I chose to buy Records and Tapes. Years later though I can barely remember what it was like.

I remember a day when you knew the name of songs and not their number. Too often a song is known by its designated number on the disc. I can't tell you how many times I have heard, "song 10 rules." Never mind the name of the song or the artistic inspiration when you have a single number to remember.

I remember when a work would have two distinct acts. One found on the first side and the other on the second. I always believed that it allowed the artist to have more leeway in building toward a more intricate finale by using an intermission. One thing the compact disc brings, by never having to be changed or flipped over, is the opportunity for artist to sequence their albums differently. For example: "Down in a hole" by Alice in Chains on vinyl and tape is found earlier on whereas on the CD version it is found near the end. But on vinyl, "Down in a Hole" fits into, what I see as an end to Act 1, a thought that needed to be contemplated further before delving deeper into the disc.

Finally, and my biggest ponderance in regards to compact discs, is the fact that they sometimes have to omit songs from older works because of the fact that CD's have a limited memory capacity. For example on The Cure's "Kiss Me, Kiss Me, Kiss Me," the song "Hey

You!!!" is excluded. The biggest problem is that these songs will never appear on another work. Condolences from our friends in the music industry!

While Compact Discs are more convenient and have better sound quality, they have definitely brought about a drastic change in the way we listen to, visualize and appreciate other people's music. Here are a couple of reviews of albums...

They Might be Giants, "Factory Showroom" T.M.B.G has usually annoyed the hell out of me. I dislike that damn birdhouse song with a passion and "Particle Man" has been known to cause dry heaves in my body. "Factory Showroom" on the other hand was a pleasure to listen to (something I don't get much from new music these days.) While sticking to their old style (not the beer) including very eclectic lyrics, T.M.B.G incorporates a little more guitar and a lot more style, harmony, and rich melodies. Their songs are still a bit bizarre ("James K. Polk," "XTC vs. Adam Ant," "How Can I Sing Like a Girl") but I enjoyed almost every one of them, a big change from the days of old. Buy this album! Originality: 9.1 Performance: 9.0 Sound Quality 8.8 Overall 9.0

Midnight Oil, "Breathe" How do you successfully follow up the album, "Earth and Sun and Moon?" Not with this album. While there is some quality work on this album ("Surfs Up Tonight," "E-Bear") "Breathe" lacks the presence of the rock anthem, something they had mastered on previous albums. If I had one word to describe this album it would be: "Flat." "Breathe" also struck out trying to create a vibe or a hook - it just doesn't exist on this album. While they still rule live, this time around it will be with songs from the old days. Originality 5.0 Performance 5.8 Sound Quality 6.3 Overall 5.8

Men's and women's cross-country teams, disappointed in conference results, set sights on nationals in California

by Jamie Riberto

The men and women cross-country team's goal this season is to qualify for the national meet which will be held in California over Thanksgiving break.

On Friday, October 18th, the cross-country teams competed in the Indiana Collegiates at Indiana University. The women's team placed third in Division II in a field of twenty-eight teams, while

the men placed tenth.

This past weekend the team had their conference meet at Quincy University. There were high expectations for both teams, but unfortunately some of the goals set by Coach Massoels were not reached.

The women's team came in fourth place, and the mens team came in sixth. Top women finishers were Laura Witek in fourth place, Erin Chapple in twentieth

place and Holly Stefaniak in twenty-first place.

For the men, freshman Dan Anderson placed thirtieth, senior Charlie Barrett placed thirty-fifth, and sophomore Damon Dexter placed forty-first. The team was a bit disappointed with their finishes but are ready to prove that the conference meet was only a fluke.

Despite the disappointments that both teams have suffered, they refuse to

call it quits. They are more focused and ready to do all that they can to achieve their goal of going to nationals in California.

Charlie Barrett, the men's captain, said, "I think that this is the hardest working men's team we have had and the best team I have been a part of. We are there physically but the problem we have is a slight mental breakdown during competition. Eighty-five

percent of running is mental and that is where our focus will be for the regional meet."

Laura Witek, the women's team captain, said about the women's team, "We are a much better team than our finish at conference displayed. This is the hardest working and most dedicated team that I have ever been a part of in my four years here. I think that we will all pull together over the next two weeks and run the way we are capable of at regionals."

Football team wins fifth straight for first time since 1971

by Emily Karol

The Saint Joe football team won their last three games since Homecoming to improve their record to 6-2. Most recently, the Pumas edged out the Division I-AA Morehead State Eagles by a score of 26-22. Prior to that the they trampled Wilmington College, 63-7, and defeated Union College, 27-22.

This is the first time the Saint Joseph's College football team has had a winning season since 1986. Even more remarkable is that the team has not won five straight games since 1971, when they were conference champions under the coaching of Bill Jennings.

The sixth win of the football season came on Saturday, October 26, at Morehead State's home field in Kentucky. The game was decided by two successful field goal attempts kicked by freshman Erich Hitzeman. These two field goals added to the twenty points already on the scoreboard from touchdowns by halfback

Marty Corley and wide receivers, Ceron Marerro and Brian Outlaw.

The Eagles were held to 22 points by the Saint Joe defense. Highlighting this consistently solid defense were strong safety Chad Novak, who snagged a valuable interception, and defensive end Tom Scanlon, who recovered a fumble by the Eagle offense.

Before last week's game against Morehead State, the football team was ranked 30th in the nation in offense and 17th in the nation in defense in Division II.

While the team as a whole is excelling, some personal bests have also been achieved this season. Freshman kicker Erich Hitzeman, who broke a college record in the game against Wilmington kicking seven extra points, is optimistic about the possibility of surpassing even more milestones. He states, "It was very exciting breaking [the record], and hopefully there will be many more to come. I was so pumped up after our huge

win, it never really dawned on me that I broke a record until the next day."

One of the reasons that the football team is having such a fortunate season is the leadership that its seniors contribute. Defensive end Eric Ziolkowski sees his leadership role as an asset to the entire team. "I just tell [my teammates] to have fun and work hard. When something goes right, I'm usually one of

the first ones there to congratulate that person for a job well-done. When something goes wrong, I'll tell that person to keep his head up because there is always going to be a next play where he can redeem himself."

Senior wide receiver James Wirtes also believes that the team's success is connected to the leadership provided by the

many upperclassmen. He states, "Probably our biggest strength has been the fact that we have nineteen seniors. The leadership is really there that hasn't been there the last few years."

Yet another possible explanation for the team's winning record is the increased support it has been given from hometown and student fans.

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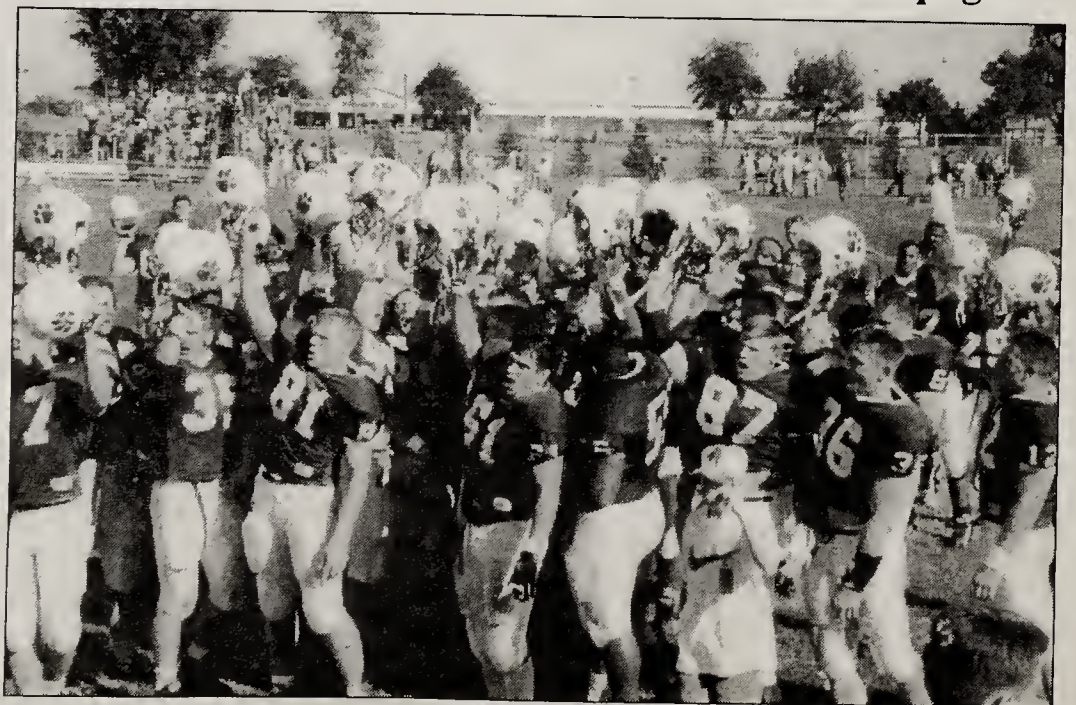


Photo by Heather Braband

"...Fight, fight, fight..." The football team sings the fight song for proud Saint Joe fans

Golf teams end six week season

By Jamie Riberto

The golf team teed off the season with a new team and gained a lot of experience as well as knowledge. Both the men and the women's golf teams finished off their season's last week. The men's team ended their season with their conference tournament at Purdue and the ladies finished their season off at the Manchester Invite.

The men's team's best performance was at their own tournament at Curtis Creek Golf Course with a fifth place finish out of nine teams. The women's most superior performance

was at the Southern Indiana invite where they had a third place finish out of seven teams. The team as a whole competed very well after a year with no golf program. There is only one senior each on both teams, so the golf program will not lose too many of their athletes. The program is young and will only improve in years to come.

In the six weeks of the season, both teams have learned a lot about competing at the division two level. Neither the teams nor Coach Mangas realized how competitive Division II golf

is. They are now more aware about how they have to compete next year.

The teams will return to action for spring golf with two or three tournaments. Coach Mangas hopes that his golfers will mature over the winter and be ready to produce good showings. Sophomore golfer, Marcy Janjecic summed up the season by saying, "It was a good season, we learned a lot by playing in the tournaments and with a lot of practice, we will go for a strong showing in the spring."

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for next year."

Junior Vanessa Sobolewski, her doubles partner added, "People did not realize how good we were going to be this year. We proved them wrong. I was impressed with our team unity. It was essential to our success."

Part of the Pumas' triumphs were due to the help of senior tennis player and Assistant Coach, Darren Haas. "Darren did a wonderful job for our program. I couldn't have asked for better personnel in running a team. He was a key factor in the areas of instructing and conditioning the team, which is vital when it comes to being successful," Barrientos noted.

With a roster

composed of mostly juniors and sophomores, the fact that there were not any seniors in the line-up is a positive aspect for next season. Katie Flanigan, who will be a sophomore next year, is expected to be a huge asset to the strong foundation already laid by the current team. In addition, Barrientos plans to recruit two new freshmen for next year.

In the midst of falling short of a goal that the team aimed for every day in practice and regular season matches, there is tremendous optimism for the Pumas next season. Sophomore Laurie Hammontree stated, "We went into this year with positive attitudes. The team came out where we deserved, placing second. We should have no problem winning the conference championship next fall if we play to our potential."

In other regular season action, victories were gained during a September 27-28th tournament held at Bellarmine College. Saint Joseph's College crushed Bellarmine, Kentucky Wesleyan, and University of Southern Indiana with the following scores of 5-4, 9-0, and 5-4. Additionally, achievements were attained against College of Saint Francis, Olivet Nazarene University, Quincy University, Saint Mary's of Notre Dame, and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

As far as next season is concerned, the future looks extremely promising according to both Coach Barrientos and his Lady Pumas. Co-Captain Orzechoskie declared, "We win and lose as a team. Next year, our team has winning on the agenda!" According to Barrientos "We are chasing a dream and we won't be satisfied until we catch it."

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Everyone for His or Herself: Shopping at the Rummage Sale



As much as I love Saint Joe's, I have always thought that its location leaves much to be desired. I'm not saying that acres of corn that stretch to the horizon don't have a certain beauty, but an ear of corn just doesn't provide many recreation possibilities. Rensselaer is not exactly a hopping town full of opportunities for cultural advancement, entertainment, and intellectual stimulation. However, twice a year, Rensselaer is home to the Saint Augustine's Rummage Sale.

This event is enough to redeem Rensselaer from the status of a town that has nothing to offer a group of young college students looking for a good time and a cheap source of clothes, dishes, and materials that can be used to decorate a dorm room. Did I say cheap? Saint A's offers the best bargains I have ever encountered, and, I assure you, I have been to nearly every Goodwill Store, Value Village, and Salvation Army in the Midwest. I am also an avid garage sale shopper, and I have seen some excellent deals in my day. But nothing, I mean nothing, compares with the treasures I have found at this sale.

In fact, the only problem with the Saint A's sale is that it makes even Goodwill seem expensive in comparison. How can I force myself to spend two dollars on one pair of jeans when I can leave Saint A's with a garbage bag stuffed with sweaters, jeans, blouses, coats, dresses, mugs, candle holders, and dishes all for five or six bucks? The most extraordinary thing about this sale is the quality of the merchandise that can be purchased for such incredibly low prices. Today, I came

back from the sale with several wool sweaters, three pair of Levi's, two hand-crafted mugs, and countless other gems.

My friends and I look forward to the Saint A's sale with great anticipation, and last night, my roommate looked at me with big eyes and said, "I feel like it's Christmas Eve." I literally began to jump up and down with excitement. We have doubled our wardrobes at past sales, and, because we live together, we have the added benefit of being able to share each other's clothes. We know that anything that either of us finds pretty much belongs to both of us, so we always do very well in terms of how many new outfits we acquire at each sale.

We got up early this morning and left for Saint A's at 9:00, right when it opened. We picked up some shopping buddies and stopped at Wal-Mart so that one of our friends could get some money (and some Lucky Strikes). While we were waiting in the car, a man rapped on the window and told us that one of the back tires on my roommate's car was flat. She drove towards the church, unconcerned, until one of our friends made her stop and put air in the tire. After waiting around at Wal-Mart and then stopping to fill the tire, we were nearly going mad with anticipation.

We finally got to Saint A's, found a parking space, and walked quickly toward the door. "Hey, aren't you going to wait for us?" our rookie friend asked. We were already in the door. Hey, at a rummage sale like this, it's every man, woman, or child for him or herself. When we walked in the door and got our bags, our friend cried, "Hey! You can't start until we all have our bags!" Right.

The race had begun. The four of us began digging through piles of clothing, pushing our way through hangers, and evaluating dishes and kitchenware spread out across a table. We were at the sale for almost two hours (Science core lecture? What science core lecture?), and the only reason I was willing to leave when I did was because I had class in ten minutes.

We raced back to the car with our loot, shoved swollen garbage bags in the trunk, and zipped back to school. Unfortunately, I had to go to class as soon as we got back, so I didn't have time for the traditional modelling/showing off our finds until after lunch. When I finally got back to my room, I ripped open my bag, pulled off my clothes, and began trying everything on, running into different rooms to show everyone my favorite items. This process is very important to the whole rummage sale experience.

Everyone ooohs and ahhhhs about each other's beautiful clothes, groans in exasperation if something doesn't fit, cuts off the bottoms of too-long jeans and corduroys, and trades shirts, jeans, and sweaters that don't fit or that look better on someone else.

We also find spots in our room for new candle holders, rugs, and pictures. We are motivated to do laundry so that we can wear our new duds and to keep our rooms clean so that our new items are easily visible. My happiness and excitement from the sale lasts for weeks, and not even the reality of mid-terms looming in my immediate future can make me frown today.

by Rachel Barlage

Sad Mistakes



by Mike Nichols

I remember a conversation I had once with a classmate named Anne back in my junior year of high school. We'd had several classes together and I admired her for the way she always spoke her mind, going after what she believed in with an enthusiasm I envied. Anne was the type of person who was not afraid to look people straight in the eye and our teachers often called on her when they wanted an honest answer.

One day, we happened to be walking down the hall together when we saw another classmate of ours. This girl stood in what was nearly the middle of the hallway, swaying from side to side in a manner that was almost mournful, the bulge of her stomach signalling the fact that she was at least six months pregnant. Anne and I looked at her, then kept going down the hall, passing her by.

"I'm never going to make that mistake," Anne told me with conviction. "I'm going to

get an education, not end up knocked-up and working at Dairy Queen." With that trademark defiance in her eyes, I had to believe her. That was two years ago. The other night I was walking past a fast food joint, considering whether or not to get a snack. Outside the restaurant I saw Anne sitting on the street curb, dressed in an employee's uniform, and smoking a cigarette only slightly shorter than a telephone pole. When I got even closer, she stood up and I made out what appeared to be a very large bulge in her stomach. I glanced over at her face and our gazes met for an instant before she darted her head away, refusing to look at me in the eye. In that moment, I no longer saw determination or defiance in those eyes. Just black lines...and resignation. Having lost my appetite, I turned down the road, passing her by.



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